

The Federal Court System

California Court System

Courts of Last Resort

The United States
Supreme Court

California State
Supreme Court

Intermediate Appellate Level

United States
Courts of Appeals

State Intermediate
Courts of Appeals

Trial Level: Original Jurisdiction

Specialty Courts of
Limited Jurisdiction

i.e. Tax Court

Special or Limited
Trial Courts

i.e. Probate, Small Claims

United States District Courts

92 District Courts, at least 1 in
each state, District of Columbia
+ Puerto Rico

Courts of General Jurisdiction

Superior Courts of California
Located statewide in Counties

United States Constitution

California State Constitution